

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A method for cleaning an exterior surface of a ~~The use of a composition for the exterior cleaning of~~ means of transport, said method comprising contacting said means of transport with a compound comprising:

- a) at least one tertiary amine oxide of the formula  $R_1R_2R_3NO$ , where
- $R_1$  is an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxypropyl or alkenylamidoalkyl group having 8 to 18 carbon atoms,
- $R_2$  and  $R_3$  independently of one another are low molecular mass alkyl radicals or hydroxyethyl or hydroxypropyl radicals, and
- b) at least one alkali metal salt of an acid selected from the group consisting of a polyaspartic acid, a polyglutamic acid, or a mixture thereof, said acid having a molecular weight of from 5000 g/mol to 50 000 g/mol, or of polyglutamic acid, having a molecular weight of from 5000 g/mol to 50 000 g/mol, or a mixture of both substances, wherein a [[the]] weight ratio of the constituents a):b) [[being]] is between 10:1 and 3000:1.

2.(Currently Amended) The method of use of a composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein  $R_1$  is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxypropyl, [[or]] alkenylamido, and mixtures thereof wherein  $R_1$  has group having 10 to 16 carbon atoms.

- 3.(Currently Amended) The method of use of a composition as claimed in claim 1  
~~and/or 2~~, wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  independently of one another are selected from  
the group consisting of alkyl radicals of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, [[or]]  
hydroxyethyl radicals, [[or]] hydroxypropyl radicals, and mixtures thereof.
- 4.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 use of a composition as claimed in  
~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein ~~constituent b) has a~~ the molecular  
weight of b) is from 7000 to 20 000 g/mol.
- 5.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 use of a composition as claimed in  
~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the composition further comprises  
additionally a compound selected from the group consisting of defoamers,  
dyes, complexing agents, or antioxidants and mixtures thereof are present.
- 6.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the means of transport is  
an use of a composition as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 5 for  
cleaning aircraft.
- 7.(New) The method of claim 1 wherein the means of transport is  
selected from the group consisting of an automobile, a truck, a train, a streetcar, and  
aircraft.